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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

GOLDMANN, Helmut

Serial No: 10/521,455

Examiner: SCHILLINGER, Ann M.

Filed: January 14, 2005

Art Unit: 3738

For: **IMPLANT WITH ANTIBIOTIC LONG-TERM ACTION**

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION DATED OCTOBER 31, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the final Official Action dated October 31, 2007, which had a shortened statutory period for response expiring on January 31, 2008. Therefore, a two-month extension of time is attached hereto, thereby extending the response period until March 31, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.